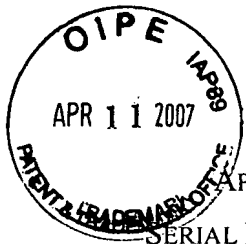


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the  
Restriction Requirement mailed February 12, 2007 in the above-identified patent application.

With a one-month extension of time, this Response to Restriction Requirement is  
due on or before April 12, 2007. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a One-Month  
Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee.

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the  
application as follows and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.